

Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item Request

Meeting Date: 3/18/2013

Type: Public Hearing

Call to Podium:

Lynn Board, City Attorney

Agenda Item Title:

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 6C of the City Code Entitled "Elections," Article I "In General," Section 1 Entitled "Definitions" and Article II Entitled "Financial Contributions and Expenditures," Section 5 Entitled "Time and Manner of Reporting – Candidates", Section 6 Entitled "Reporting of Contributions and Expenditures – Political Committees", and Section 7 Entitled "Time and Manner of Reporting – Political Committees"

Responsible Staff and Department:

Lynn Board, City Attorney; Lauren Klingler, Legal Assistant

Desired Outcome from Council:

Conduct Public Hearing. Staff recommends that the City Council hold the record open for 11 days until 5 p.m. on March 29, 2013 with anticipated adoption on May 6, 2013.

| Public Hearing History | |
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| Introduction Date: | 03/04/13 |
| Advertisement Date (1): | 03/05/13 |
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| Public Hearing Date: | 03/18/13 |
| Record Held Open Date: | 03/29/13 |
| Policy Discussion Date: | 05/06/13 |

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Supporting Background Information:

This Ordinance would amend Chapter 6C of the City Code Section 1 Entitled “Elections,” amending the definition of a Political Committee and to add a definition of a Slate. The amendment would revise the current definition of a political committee to increase the number of persons from two (2) or more formed in any manner to three (3) or more. The amendment would increase the amount of money collected or expended from Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). A slate would be defined as two or more candidates who join together to conduct and pay for joint campaign activities. This Ordinance would also amend Section 5 Entitled “Time and Manner of Reporting – Candidates” to include an additional campaign finance report due fourteen (14) days after the election. Slates would also be subject to the same reporting requirements as are political committees. These amendments were discussed by the Board of Supervisors of Elections at their meetings on January 16, 2013 and February 21, 2013, and the BOSE is recommending their adoption.